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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE ~~2~~ MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
 - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
 - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
 - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 July 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 39 and 40 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) 1-38 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Claims

Claims 4, 17, and 35 are amended.

Claims 23-25 apparently contain the following informalities: The recitation "auxiliary common electrode" runs contrary to usage in the art. Examiner believes the specification indicates a - - auxiliary common line - -. Please see claim 26. Appropriate correction is recommended.

Upon careful consideration, some of the substantially distinct disclosed species must be restricted in order to facilitate a determination as to whether allowable subject matter is claimed. Please note some species of lesser significance have not been (and likely will not be) restricted, e.g., ITO vs IZO transparent conductive material. The following restriction requirement will establish one of eight possible structural configurations of the claimed invention.

Election/Restrictions

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species A, claim 18, drawn to a LCD device wherein a portion of the common line overlies a portion of the common electrode. Please note: Species A seems to imply no auxiliary common line per Figure 9.

Species B, claim 19, drawn to a LCD device wherein a portion of the common electrode overlies a portion of the common line. Please note: Species B seems to imply use of an auxiliary common line per Figure 13.

Species A and B contain the following patentably distinct sub-species of the claimed invention:

Sub-species C, claims 35 and 36, drawn to a LCD device wherein the pixel electrodes are of an opaque metal.

Sub-species D, claims 4 and 17, drawn to a LCD device wherein the pixel electrodes are of a transparent material.

Species A and B contain the following patentably distinct sub-sub-species of the claimed invention:

Sub-sub-species E, claim 11, drawn to a LCD device wherein the pixel electrodes are on the same layer with the gate electrode. Please note: this sub-sub-species might not be considered enabled by the specification. If Applicant elects sub-sub-species E, please indicate where sub-sub-species E is enabled in the specification.

Sub-sub-species F, claims 17 and 35, drawn to a LCD device wherein the common electrodes are on the same layer with the gate electrode.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species from A-B, a single discloses sub-species from C-D, and a single disclosed sub-sub-species from E-F (three elections total) for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claim 4 is generic to species A and B.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include

all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Timothy L Rude whose telephone number is (571) 272-2301. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frank Font can be reached on (571) 272-2415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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